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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY ECUADOREAN AND VENEZUELAN
PRESIDENTS AT THEIR MEETING IN GUAYAQUIL ON AUG 8, 1975

1. PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA RECEIVED VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT
CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ FOR A THREE HOUR VISIT IN GUAYAQUIL
DURING THE LATTER'S TRIP HOME FROM ATTENDING THE CELEBRATION
OF BOLIVIA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN LA PAZ. THE MEETING
CONSISTED OF ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AND HONORS, A CLOSED
LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSIONS, BRIEF MEETINGS WITH THE PRESS,
AND THE DEPARTURE CEREMONIES. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS
ISSUED BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS.

2. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE POINTS WHICH THE TWO
PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED IN THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOW:
A. THE INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES
TO CONTINUE EXPANDING THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH HAPPILY BIND
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THEM, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF ANDEAN INTEGRATION AND

AS PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

B. THE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY CLAUSES OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT APPROVAL BY THE US CONGRESS AGAINST OPEC COUNTRIES, AN ACTION WHICH AFFECTS PARTICULARLY VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR AS WELL AS THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY AGREED IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT WITHIN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THAT THE LAST VESTIGES OF A PERSISTENT POLICY OF ECONOMIC COERCION BY THE GREAT POWERS BE ELIMINATED.

C. THE UTILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF RENEWING CONVERSATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ABOUT THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS AND MONETARY PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT. THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO OPEN THE WAY TOWARD AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WILL FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPEDE THE DOMINANCE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OVER THOSE THAT SEEK, WITH THE RATIONAL ADVANTAGEOUS UTILIZATION OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS, THEIR ECONOMIC RECUPERATION AND A JUST PRICE FOR THEIR RESOURCES -- ALL OF WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO A JUST INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM.

D. THE NECESSITY OF REACHING A DECISION AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVELS IN THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION THAT WILL GUARANTEE A SPIRIT OF INTEGRATION AMONG THE ANDEAN PACT MEMBERS. THEY NOTED THE DIFFICULTY IN IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN DECISIONS, BUT AFFIRMED THEIR SATISFACTION FOR THE EFFORT MADE BY THE COUNTRIES CONSTITUTING THIS SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED GOALS OF INTEGRATION THAT BENEFIT ALL OF LATIN AMERICA WITH ITS PREOCCUPATION OF OPENING NEW PATHS THAT WILL OVERCOME UNDER-DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVE THE COMMON WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION.

E. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RECENT MEETING IN PANAMA FOR THE CREATION OF SELA, WHICH WILL PROMOTE COOPERATION IN NEW FORMS THAT WILL PERMIT LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CAPACITY TO NEGOTIATE. THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THE CREATION OF ANTAGONISTIC BLOCS, BUT RATHER THAT OF AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION FOR CONSULTATION THAT WILL ADVANCE THE GOALS OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITHIN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CONTEXT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

F. THE GREAT NECESSITY TO STRENGTHEN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS THAT STILL EXIST IN THE REGION PEACEFULLY AND IN THE LEAST TIME POSSIBLE. THIS WILL PERMIT APPLICATION OF THE MAJORITY OF NATIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THE EXECUTION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESPECTIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES.

G. THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE RE-AFFIRMED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE SOLIDARITY AND FUTURE OF THE THIRD WORLD MADE UP OF DEVELOPING NATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA, ASIA AND AFRICA. THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE RE-NEWED THEIR PLEDGE TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY IN THE COMMON TASK OF ACHIEVING THOSE IDEALS WHICH INSPIRED THE STRUGGLE OF THE LIBERATOR SIMON BOLIVAR FOR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE UNION OF THE PEOPLE, WHICH TODAY ARE CONSTITUTED BY THE OBJECTIVES OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIBERATION AND THE COMMON TASK OF ASSURING PEACE AND SOLIDARITY AMONG THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THESE MAKE EVIDENT THE NECESSITY OF EXPANDING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THOSE MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION AND UTILIZATION OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. FOR THIS REASON, THEY RENEW THEIR DECISION TO COLLABORATE FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THOSE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE AS THEIR PURPOSE THE DEFENSE OF RESOURCES, THUS FULFILLING THAT WHICH WAS AGREED TO BY THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE IN CARACAS IN MARCH 1975.
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